

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of: **R. W. MARSH ET AL.**

Application No.:

Group Art Unit: **3763**

Filed:

Examiner: **A. Y. LAM**

For: **VARIABLE EXTENSION COMBINED  
SPINAL/EPIDURAL NEEDLE SET AND  
METHOD FOR ITS USE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend this application prior to examination as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on Page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 7 of this paper.